

WOULD ABANDON NAVAL STATIONS

Secretary-of-Navy Meyer Recommends They Be Given Up.

MANY USELESS AND COST IS HIGH

He Sees No Chance for Disarmament, as Nations Must Maintain Navies to Enforce Decrees of International Court. Asks Recognition for Peary.

Washington, D. C., December 4.—The results of a careful personal investigation by Secretary George von L. Meyer of many of the naval yards and naval stations are apparent in certain sweeping recommendations for the abolition of some of these and the devolution of others, as set out in the secretary's annual report, just made public.

Secretary Meyer recommends giving up and disposing of the naval stations at New Orleans, Pensacola, San Juan, Port Royal, New London, Sackett's Harbor, Culebra and Cavite. He finds that the average yearly cost of maintaining these stations for the past five years has been \$1,672,575, while very little useful work has been performed there.

Discusses the Yards.

The secretary discusses the strong points and shortcomings of the various yards at length and incidentally he points out that the United States has twice as many naval yards as Great Britain, with a navy at least double the size of ours. Touching the New Orleans yard, it is said that its position, 160 miles up the Mississippi River, is such that in time of war no large vessels should be sent there on account of the danger of the passes being blocked. The Pensacola Navy Yard is condemned as impossible of fortification and as strategically unnecessary. The secretary thinks that the Gulf and South Atlantic coasts can best be defended by an effective naval station at Guantanamo, Cuba, where the emergency docking and repair facilities should be provided at an expense of about \$300,000 or \$400,000. This would involve the transfer to Guantanamo of the New Orleans floating dock and machine tools from the Astoria yard and from Pensacola. Key West alone of the Gulf naval stations should be maintained, not as a first-class station, but for the supply and quick repair of small gunboats and torpedo craft operating in the Caribbean Sea.

The secretary predicts that in time of war the cities of the Gulf coast will be, from their natural security, the chief sources of supplies and material and the probable points from which our troops will embark either for Panama or for service in the Caribbean, as may be required.

Charleston Dock Useful.

Because the Portsmouth, Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk yards have access to dry docks, which there are too few, it is found impossible to give up any of them. Port Royal has a dry dock unapproachable for battleships or even cruisers, and the Charleston dock is likewise useless for battleships, as the channel is at the rate of from three to four feet a year.

The Mare Island Navy Yard is very severely criticized for its inaccessibility, but as \$14,000,000 already has been spent on this yard, the secretary thinks that in order to avoid a total loss it would be wise to utilize it for such vessels as can reach it and also for such manufacturing and repair work for the larger vessels as can readily be sent to the yard and returned to the vessels lying in San Francisco Bay. Looking to the future, he says that it will be necessary to establish a docking and repair station for battleships on San Francisco Bay in some locality yet to be selected, and meanwhile the floating dock already existing at Puget Sound, although there should be more than one yard available if the battleship fleet is to be based in the Pacific Ocean.

Pearl Harbor will be made the principal insular defense base in the Pacific Ocean. Olongapo, in the Philippines, will be a small repair station, and the station at Carite is to be disposed of, its tools being transported to Olongapo.

Vessels Recommended.

Following the established policy in the matter of annual construction, the secretary recommends the construction of two battleships, one collier, one gunboat, one river gunboat, two sea-going tugs, two submarines and one submarine tender. He strongly deprecates any break in the established policy of the country effect on the shipyards of the country whose maintenance the navy must depend in time of war.

Twenty years is about the effective life of a battleship, and even then the last ten years of that period should be spent in the second line of defense. As it will be necessary for at least five or six nations to maintain navies to enforce the decree of an international court, the secretary does not feel that we are very near the international settlement of all issues and the era of international peace, for the fact that the delusion that a nation with a large population, great wealth and resources, is immune from attack has been dispelled by the history of war.

Compensation for Peary.

The discovery of the North Pole by Robert E. Peary, after years of patient and arduous endeavor, is declared to be an event which has added to the honor and credit of our country. Says Secretary Meyer: "It is fitting that the government should recognize the value of his services, and their successful termination. It meets with your approval I recommend that Peary, the discoverer of the North Pole, be given a commission by legislation, as rear-admiral of the corps of civil engineers of the navy, to date from April 8, 1909, the date of his discovery of the pole, and that he be

DR. ALDERMAN MUST REST

He Is Ordered Away From His Work by His Physicians.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Charlottesville, Va., December 4.—At college hour yesterday at the University of Virginia, President Alderman informed the students that he had been ordered by his doctors, in the interest of his health, to go away for a number of weeks for a rest. Dr. Alderman said that while he was in no sense a patient, he has been ordered to rest, and that his physician had declared that he needed an absolute period of rest and some treatment looking to a restoration of complete nervous and digestive strength.

Dr. Alderman is by no means an ill man. For years he has evidenced the strength in an eager performance of the great duties that have come upon him, and he needs rest and skillful scientific dieting to get him into shape to continue the great work he is doing as president of the University of Virginia. It will be remembered that two years ago he had to leave before the close of the session to spend the summer abroad. He came back greatly benefited, but too steady application to tasks caused his physician to prescribe another leave. He is exceedingly loath to give up his work for even a short time, but it is felt that the ultimate good of the university demands that he have time for recuperation. Dean J. M. Page will be acting president during his absence.

At this time President Alderman does not know where he will seek the necessary quiet, but several of his friends say he has spoken of Atlantic City and of New Orleans. He will be absent until his condition shows marked improvement.

CHINA WAKING UP

Throne Issues Edict Creating Navy Department.

Peking, December 4.—An important step has just been taken by China with the object of expanding and increasing the efficacy of her army and navy. The throne today issued edicts creating a navy department, which up to the present has consisted merely of a tentative board for the conduct of naval affairs. Prince T'ai Sun, uncle of the Emperor, who recently paid an extensive visit to the United States, has been appointed president of the new department, and his full recommendations for the reorganization of the navy have been approved.

The general staff of the army will be reorganized along modern lines, as proposed by General Yen Tschang, who formerly was minister to Germany and now is president of the War Department. The three points of the edicts edicts the necessity of making the army and navy effective, and with this in mind dismisses many of the officers of the old school with a pension.

BURNED IN THEIR HOME

Ten Children Meet Death, and Parents Are Fatally Hurt.

Reynoldsville, Pa., December 4.—Robert and Charles Ferris, aged nine and five years, were burned to death to night, and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caesar Ferris, were fatally injured, and the only other members of the family, Maud, aged eleven, and a baby were badly hurt in a fire which destroyed the Ferris home early today. The family was asleep on the second floor of the frame dwelling, when Robert was awakened by crackling flames at 4 o'clock this morning. The only stairway in the house was as fire. The father and mother were fatally injured in jumping through a window with Maud and the baby. The two ladies then bearded with flames already leaping around the window, turned to look for another exit when the house collapsed. Their bodies were found in the ruins to-night.

A gas stove left burning downstairs, it is supposed to have set the woodwork afire.

CONGRESS OPENS TO-DAY

Full Quota of Members Are Ready for Legislative Activity.

Washington, D. C., December 4.—At noon to-morrow the second and closing session of the Sixty-first Congress will begin, and to-night practically a full quota of members of both branches are in Washington awaiting the formalities which will attend the resumption of legislative activity.

The session to-morrow will be brief. After the call to order in both the House and Senate and the appointment of a joint committee to notify the President that the Sixty-first Congress is ready to resume its business, recess will be taken as a tribute to members who recently have died.

The President's annual message to Congress and the best presidential appointments will not be submitted until Tuesday. Many visitors have arrived to attend the formal opening.

WORKING FOR GOOD ROADS

Many States Will Send Delegates to the Congress.

Indianapolis, Ind., December 4.—Every section of the country will be represented at the American Good Roads Congress, which meets here on Tuesday, and will continue in session through Friday. Responses have been received from every State in the Union to Governor Marshall's invitation to the congress, and the various States are asking them to send delegates to the congress. President James H. McDonald, of the American Road Builders Association will preside.

Among the speakers are: Logan W. Page, director United States office of public roads; E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture of South Carolina.

FLOOD STILL SERIOUS

Thousands of Families Suffer When Dyke Collapses.

Paris, December 4.—The flood continues serious along the valleys of the Loire, Rhone and Garonne, and there is slight improvement elsewhere. All the country to the northwest of Nantes, to the extent of about ten miles in length and five in breadth, is a sheet of water. Reims, Nantes say that during the night a dyke collapsed and five villages to the southeast of the city were overwhelmed in a few minutes. Several hundred families in this disaster were added to the already large number of sufferers, although no casualties are reported.

ATTEMPT TO KILL DR. McALISTER?

Bullet Crashes Over His Desk in Anti-Saloon Headquarters.

FRIENDS FEAR LIFE IS SOUGHT

Police Are Investigating Starting Incident of Local Option Campaign Now Being Fought in Lynchburg—McAlister Laughs at Idea of Being Shot.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Lynchburg, Va., December 4.—This afternoon about 2 o'clock a bullet crashed through a window into the headquarters of the Anti-Saloon League, passing directly over the desk of Rev. J. D. McAlister, general secretary of the State League, who has been aiding in the direction of the "dry" campaign here since it opened. Friends of the secretary fear that this was an attempt to assassinate him, and the police have been called on to make an investigation.

Two young men were in charge of the headquarters at the time, and they state that the bullet made a terrible din, crashing through the window and into the wall opposite. Had Dr. McAlister been at his desk his escape would have been miraculous. Fortunately, he had left his desk but a moment before.

An investigation showed that the bullet came from a room in the rear of the next building, which is across a narrow alley. The young men in the office say they heard the report of a revolver, and there can be no doubt about the bullet, for it is now in the office wall.

The police will make a rigid investigation of the matter, and the people that the investigation will show that the shooting was an accident, instead of an effort to murder Dr. McAlister.

Hobson Speaks.

Congressman Richmond P. Hobson, of Alabama, addressed an audience of nearly 2,500 people this afternoon at the City Auditorium, under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League. He stated that more than 1,000 people were turned away when the doors were closed. This necessitated an overflow meeting at Centenary Methodist Church, a square away. Mr. Hobson was introduced by Congressman Celler, Glass, who paid him a splendid tribute. The address of an hour and a half was along the lines of the effect of the use of alcohol on the human system and upon the nation, closing with an appeal for Lynchburg to remain "dry."

UNIFORM DIVORCE LAW

Measure Will Be Introduced in Every State Legislature.

Pittsburg, Pa., December 4.—A uniform divorce law that will be introduced in the Legislature of every State will be prepared by the National Reform Association at the opening of its sessions in this city to-morrow. It also will discuss organized attempts to abolish the use of the Bible in the public schools, discontinue chaplains in Congress, do away with Thanksgiving, also with the judicial oath, and repeal laws looking to the observance of the Sabbath.

The most important matter under discussion is the divorce law. After the subcommittee has prepared the draft, it will be presented to the executive committee of fifty-two members, who are expected to meet to-morrow afternoon. Interest is centering in the selection of a president to fill the place made vacant by the death of Rev. S. F. Scofield, D. D.

GETTING READY TO TALK

Roosevelt Will Make Utterance on Recent Election.

New Haven, Conn., December 4.—In a letter to Colonel Isaac M. Ullman, president of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce, before which ex-President Theodore Roosevelt will speak on the night of the 13th, Colonel Roosevelt has written that he will make his first public statement as to the causes that led up to the recent political upheaval, and will go into details in explaining them. In writing of the nature of his speech, he said: "I will make my first public utterance on political matters at the Chamber of Commerce dinner. Among the other speakers at the dinner will be Governor-Elect Simeon E. Baldwin and President Arthur T. Hadley, of Yale."

MORE FEVER VICTIMS

Three Midshipmen Added to List at Naval Academy.

Annapolis, Md., December 4.—Midshipmen Ernest E. Parsons, of Pennsylvania; Philip D. Beach, of Connecticut; and Ray F. Vakeman, of Kansas, the last named a substitute guard of the football team, were taken to the Naval Hospital to-day suffering with typhoid fever. These cases, the Naval Academy authorities say, are due to the same source of infection to which all the cases recently reported as attributed to them have succumbed. In the past few days should have been in bed, but pluckily concealed their illness—some of them that they might not miss the Navy's Army football game to-morrow.

FULL MILITARY HONORS

Funeral of Major-General Merritt Will Be Held To-Morrow.

Washington, D. C., December 4.—The funeral of Major-General Wesley Merritt, United States Army, retired, who died yesterday at Natural Bridge, Va., will be held next Tuesday at West Point, N. Y. Full military honors will be accorded in pursuance of the order of the Secretary of War Dickinson. The entire cadet corps of West Point will escort the body. To-day a private car was sent to Natural Bridge for the purpose of bearing the body of General Merritt to West Point. The funeral train will pass through Washington to-morrow.

BOTH SIDES CLAIM THEY ARE PLEASED

Everybody Seems Satisfied With Saturday's Pollings in England.

LIBERALS MAY HAVE ADVANTAGE

Analysis of Figures Indicates That They Have More Than Held Their Own in the Elections—Voting in 67 Constituencies Takes Place To-Day.

London, December 4.—Although the pollings in the general elections Saturday indicate that the next Parliament will be similar in complexion to that of the dissolved House, and both sides late to-night professed to be pleased with the result of the first day's contests, a careful analysis of the figures in the political clubs appeared to give greatest satisfaction to the Liberals.

They point out that every Unionist majority in Birmingham was reduced and that the Liberals improved their position in Wolverhampton and other midland districts devoted to manufacturing interests and under Chamberlain influence.

London again proved disappointing to the Unionists and encouraging to the Liberals, who had not expected to regain Peckham. The London boroughs, like Birmingham, also show increased majorities for the Liberals.

On the other hand, the Unionists are able to cite significant victories, while they improved their position in a larger number of constituencies than the Liberals did.

The struggle between the Redmonds and the O'Brienites will be bitter. The Conservatives in Ireland will, wherever possible, concentrate their attacks on the O'Brien candidates by voting the O'Brienites out.

The return of H. St. Maur, the Liberal candidate in Exeter, over H. E. Duke, Unionist, was an unexpected Liberal gain. Duke having captured the seat in the January elections by twenty-five votes. The polling yesterday gave St. Maur 4,756 and Duke 4,782.

Polling to-morrow will take place in sixty-seven constituencies, returning seventy-five members.

MINISTER RETRACTS

Damage Suit of Governor-Elect Now Will Be Withdrawn.

Blairsville, Pa., December 4.—In his pulpit to-day, Rev. W. L. Barrett, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, publicly retracted the statement made in a recent sermon upon which Governor-Elect John K. Tener based a suit for criminal libel. The minister said that the statement he made in his pulpit on October 23 to the effect that the candidate for Governor had been seen in an intoxicated condition in Kitt-Kaney's was based on information given by Rev. W. A. Robinson, of Vandergrift. A letter was read to-day from Mr. Robinson, in which he explained that he mistook another man for Candidate Tener and that when under misapprehension he related the incident to Rev. Mr. Barrett. He did so without malice and without an idea that it would be publicly stated. Rev. Mr. Barrett also declared that his pulpit reference to the story was without malice, but, supposing it authentic, he included it in his sermon on "Pennsylvania's Great Moral Issue."

E. F. BUCHANAN DEAD

He Was at One Time Junior Partner of A. O. Brown & Co.

Atlanta, Ga., December 4.—Edward F. Buchanan, aged forty, former junior partner of the firm of A. O. Brown & Co., of New York, died at the Grady Hospital early to-day of uraemic poisoning, following the second stroke of paralysis, with which he was stricken on Friday. After the failure of the Brown firm in New York Mr. Buchanan went to San Francisco, where he suffered a paralytic stroke about a year ago. He was taken to a hospital for treatment and afterwards removed to a hotel at Norcross, Ga. For some time he had been employed here as commercial agent for the Western Union Telegraph Company.

BONILLA IN MOBILE

His Fellow Passengers on Steamer Mistake Him for Revolutionary Leader.

Mobile, Ala., December 4.—Governor Manuel Bonilla, of the San Pedro district, Honduras, accompanied by his wife, four children and a great quantity of household goods, arrived here to-day on the steamer Fleeta from Puerto Cortes, Honduras. Bonilla and his family left at once for New Orleans. The close resemblance between Governor Bonilla and the former President of Honduras led many of his fellow passengers to believe it was the revolutionary leader himself.

Low Temperatures Predicted for Week

Washington, D. C., December 4.—Low temperatures will prevail over the country east of the Rocky Mountains during the greater part of the coming week, according to the prediction of the Weather Bureau. West of the Rocky Mountains unsettled weather is forecast, but without any marked variations in temperature. The disturbance over the Rocky Mountain region to-day will advance eastward, and is expected to reach the Atlantic States by Monday night or Tuesday.

Following this there will be a marked change to cold weather that will spread eastward and southward as far as the Gulf States.

MRS. MARY G. EDDY, DISCOVERER OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, DIES



MRS. MARY GLOVER EDDY.

Cost of Some of the Leading Scientist Churches

Mother Church, Boston...	\$2,000,000	Second Church, Kansas City...	\$250,000
First Church, New York...	1,200,000	First Church, Minneapolis...	150,000
Second Church, New York...	550,000	First Church, Concord...	150,000
Sixth Church, Chicago...	350,000	First Church, St. Joseph, Mo...	100,000
First Church, Denver...	250,000	First Church, Los Angeles...	100,000
First Church, Pittsburgh...	200,000	First Church, Chicago...	110,000
First Church, Kansas City...	180,000	Second Church, Chicago...	120,000

TOWN IS ATTACKED BY INSURRECTOS

Residents of Ojinaga Are Fleeing in Terror-Stricken Condition.

CITIZENS ARE BEING ARMED

Troops Asked From Eagle Pass to Protect Presidio Custom House.

El Paso, Texas, December 4.—A message from Presidio, Texas, to-day states that the town of Ojinaga, Mexico, across the river from Presidio, is being attacked by insurrectos. Heavily firing can be heard in the Mexican town, and the residents are crossing the river in a terror-stricken condition.

Deputy Collector Wesinger, of the United States Customs Service, has telegraphed Eagle Pass for soldiers to protect the custom house a tri-angulo. It is stated that the jefe politico at Ojinaga is arming, and drafting all able-bodied men into service to protect the town.

A telegram from Marfa, Tex., to-night states that apprehension prevails here at Presidio and Canadachia, Tex., owing to the revolutionary disorders reported across the river in Mexico.

No definite fighting at Ojinaga Saturday night. Firing has been heard at intervals, but so far as can be learned there has been no loss of life. The few Americans living along the river at Presidio and Canadachia have been standing guard at the river, and it is hoped by the inhabitants that the government will send troops to preserve order.

Work Embarrassed. Chihuahua, Mexico, December 4.—The "peace commission" returned to-day and reported that the work was greatly embarrassed by the fact that soldiers followed at the heels of the commissioners. At Guerrero, just as they were beginning to talk with the insurrectos, a peon arrived with word that the soldiers were on the way, whereupon the meeting promptly ended.

At Guerrero and also at San Antonio, the commissioners were told that the main grievance is against the State government rather than against Diaz. To-day telegrams were exchanged with the capital with reference to the proposals that the government forces be halted, pending another conference between the commission and the insurrectos.

Seemingly authentic reports to-night state that Guerrero has been taken by the revolutionists with some loss of life. Details are lacking.

No Advances Received.

San Antonio, Texas, December 4.—The commandant at Fort San Houston, the point from which troops would move should conditions warrant, had received no advances as to the reported fighting at Ojinaga, Mexico, early to-night. So far as advances have been received here, to-day was tranquil along the frontier.

Troops Are Repulsed.

Oporto, December 4.—Troops to-day attacked riotous employees of the railroads who are on strike, but were forced to retire after firing repeated volleys. There were several casualties. Large reinforcements are said to be now on the way to this city.

Venerable Leader and Founder of Church Passes Away.

WAS "IN ERROR" ABOUT A WEEK

Medical Examiner Says Death Was Due to "Natural Causes." Question of Succession Discussed With Reserve, but Her Instructions Will Be Followed Implicitly.

Life of Mrs. Eddy

1821—Born at Bow, N. H.
1826—Joined the Congregational Church at Milton, Mass.
1843—Married her first husband, George Washington Glover, who died but months after marriage.
1844—Son, George Washington Glover, was born.
1855—Married Dr. Daniel Patterson, who objected to Mrs. Eddy's seeing her son.
1873—Divorced from Dr. Patterson.
1878—Son and mother meet. Son had become prosperous.
1879—Married her third husband, Dr. Eddy.
1881—Mrs. Eddy went to Boston and entered into active Christian Science work.
1882—Ordained to the ministry by her own students and became known as "Mother of the Church." Her husband, Dr. Eddy, died same year.
1901—Sued for \$150,000 by an ex-communicated member of her church.
1902—Became the dominant factor of Christian Science Church, which since has enrolled 100,000 members and controls property worth millions.
1906—Declared to be dying of cancer and old age, but at interview with newspaper men, convinced them she was not well, that a woman of her age should reasonably be.
1907—Made plaintiff by her son and others in receivership proceedings.
1910—Dies at her home in Boston of "natural causes."

Boston, Mass., December 4.—Mrs. Mary Glover Eddy, the discoverer and founder of Christian Science, is dead. Announcement of the passing of the venerable leader, which occurred last night at her home, Chestnut Hill, a suburb, was made at the morning service of the mother church, in the city, to-day.

"Natural causes" explains the death, according to Dr. George L. West, a district medical examiner, who was summoned a few hours after Mrs. Eddy died. Dr. West added that the immediate cause was probably pneumonia.

The news of Mrs. Eddy's death was made known simultaneously by Judge Clifford P. Smith, first reader of the mother church, at the close of the morning service, and by Alfred Farwell, of the Christian Science publication committee, in a statement to the press. According to Mr. Farwell, Mrs. Eddy died at 10:45 o'clock last night.

Ill Nine Days.

"She had been indisposed for about nine days," said Mr. Farwell's statement. Mrs. Eddy had been up and dressed, and as late as Thursday transacted some business with one of the officers of the Christian Science Church. She took her daily afternoon drive until two days before her going. Saturday night she fell quietly asleep and those around her said at first hardly realize that she had gone, for she thought was clear until the last, and she left no final message.

"No physician was in attendance, but she had the assistance of the students who comprised her household. With the exception of the time of her departure were Calvin F. Fry, Mrs. Laura, daughter of Mrs. Ella Rathvon, Rev. Irving C. Tomlinson, her corresponding secretary; William H. Rathvon and her secretary, Adam H. Ricker.

"Arrangements regarding the time of the place of her burial have yet to be decided upon. It is well known to her household that she believed in simplicity on such occasions, and in compliance with this knowledge, it is expected that the services will be private and of a simple nature, consisting probably of prayer and readings from the Bible, with some brief selections from the Christian Science text book. Only her relatives, her household and the officials of the church are expected to be in attendance."

A telegram was sent to her son, George W. Glover, of Loud, S. D., expressing him of his mother's demise and requesting information as to his attendance and that of his family. Mrs. Eddy was born in Bow, N. H., July 16, 1821, and was therefore in her nineteenth year.

Services as Usual.

There were few of the congregation at the morning service at the Mother Church to-day who knew that the life of the leader and teacher had ended. The service was as usual, and the two readers, Judge Smith and Mrs. Leiland T. Powers, presented the sermon of the day, "God the Only Cause and Creator," with voices that were without emotion and had no suggestion of sadness.

The question of future leadership was referred to with great reserve by the leaders and others. Those who expressed a view said there would be no change in the methods of carrying on the work, that Mrs. Eddy's teachings and instructions would be implicitly followed, and that the church, which she founded would continue to grow in the future as it had in the past. Dr. George L. West, the medical examiner who was called to the home of Mrs. Eddy, and who filed out the death certificate, made the following statement to-night:

"I found the body of a woman of about ninety years, lying on the bed, her hands crossed over her breast. The face was somewhat wasted, but kindly and in repose. I talked with Mr. Calvin Fry, who said Mrs. Eddy had been in error about a week and passed away very quietly." Mr. Fry described